

REMARKS

Applicants add new claim 22 fairly based upon Table 1 presented at page 21 of the specification.

Further, with respect to the AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed August 21, 2003, Table 2 presented at page 6 should correctly read as follows:

Table 2

| Run | Non-Newtonian Coefficient N | Average Fiber Diameter (μm) | Process Condition |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Comp. Ex. 2 | 1.00 | 13.1 | Δ |
| Comp. Ex. 1 | 1.02 | 15.0 | Δ |
| Example 4 | 1.06 | 5.7 | O |
| Example 2 | 1.09 | 8.1 | O |
| Example 1 | 1.13 | 7.5 | O |
| Example 3 | 1.19 | 9.5 | O |
| Comp. Ex. 3 | 1.22 | 17.3 | Δ |

As the Examiner will see, under the heading non-Newtonian coefficient N, the value for Example 1 should be 1.13 not 1.03 and the value for Example 3 should be 1.19, not 1.09.

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the telephone interview granted concerning this application. Applicants have not received an Advisory Action, and the purpose of the interview was to check the status of the advisory action. The Examiner indicated that the Advisory Action had not yet been mailed but should shortly be mailed. The Examiner stated as follows. Table 2 seems to involve a variable fiber denier and a variable non-Newtonian coefficient, and it is not clear whether the results obtained were due to fiber denier values changing or to fiber denier and non-Newtonian values changing.

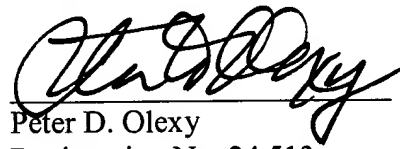
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The Examiner further indicated that his supervisor felt that the non-Newtonian values of the prior art were close to those of the present invention, especially at the lower end of the range. Applicants pointed out that they had argued a very broad range for the non-Newtonian coefficient of the prior art.

No specific prior art was discussed nor were any other remarks offered.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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